

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
 - receiving a first media playback invite request initiated by a host wireless terminal, the first media playback invite request including
 - information sufficient to identify at least one guest wireless terminal,
 - an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and
 - a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;
 - transmitting a second media playback invite request to the guest wireless terminal subsequent to receipt of the first media playback invite request, wherein the second media playback invite request includes the playback option;
 - relaying a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal;
 - distributing a start playback request from the host wireless terminal to the guest wireless terminal, wherein the start playback request directs the guest wireless terminal to begin a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the host wireless terminal;
 - receiving an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option includes the playback option;~~ and
 - sending the ~~playback option~~action request received from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - distributing the action request to another wireless terminal during the playback session.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - verifying permissions associated with the guest wireless terminal,
 - wherein the sending of the ~~playback option~~action request received from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal is responsive to verifying the permissions associated with the guest wireless terminal.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~action-requested~~ action requested playback action is selected from the group consisting of a rewind request, a pause playback request, a fast forward request, a textual comment request, and a user-specified internal effect algorithm to modify audio or video of the identified media file.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
distributing a stop playback request from the host wireless terminal to the guest wireless terminal in response to a host wireless terminal user terminating the playback session.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing an internal time in response to distributing the start playback request; and
providing an elapsed time to a second guest wireless terminal when the second guest wireless terminal joins the playback session during the playback session.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a first internal time from the host wireless terminal or the guest wireless terminal, wherein the first internal time is derived from a global time;
comparing the first internal time to a second internal time in order to derive a time difference, wherein the second internal time is derived from the global time; and
adjusting transmission of a subsequent message to the host wireless terminal or the guest wireless terminal based on the result of the comparing.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a stop playback request from the guest wireless terminal in response to a guest wireless terminal user withdrawing from the playback session; and
removing a session entry that is associated with the guest wireless terminal, wherein the session entry indicates participation of the guest wireless terminal in the playback session.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a stop playback request from the host wireless terminal in response to a host wireless terminal user ending the playback session; and
terminating the playback session in response to receiving the stop playback request.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

instructing the guest wireless terminal to modify the identified media file in accordance with a modification file during the playback session.

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium, comprising instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to perform:

receiving a first media playback invite request initiated by a host wireless terminal, the first media playback invite request including

information sufficient to identify at least one guest wireless terminal,

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;

transmitting a second media playback invite request to the guest wireless terminal subsequent to receipt of the first media playback invite request, wherein the second media playback invite request includes the playback option;

relaying a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal;

distributing a start playback request from the host wireless terminal to the guest wireless terminal, wherein the start playback request directs the guest wireless terminal to begin a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the host wireless terminal;

receiving an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action request~~ requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option includes the playback option; and

sending the ~~playback option~~ action request received from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal.

12. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to perform:

distributing the action request to another wireless terminal during the playback session.

13. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to perform:

distributing a stop playback request from the host wireless terminal to the guest wireless terminal and at least one other wireless terminal in response to a host wireless terminal user terminating the playback session.

14. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

sending a media playback invite request to at least one guest wireless terminal from a host wireless terminal, wherein the media playback invite request includes

information sufficient to identify the at least one guest wireless terminal,

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;

receiving a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal in response to sending the media playback invite request;

in response to receiving the media playback accept response, sending a start playback request to the guest wireless terminal, wherein the start playback request begins a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the host wireless terminal;

receiving an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option includes the playback option;~~ and

modifying the playback session of the identified media file in response to the action request.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

sending an action request to the guest wireless terminal, in response to the host wireless terminal user initiating the action request.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

receiving the action request from the guest wireless terminal, in response to the guest wireless terminal user initiating the action request.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 or claim 16, wherein the requested playback action request from the guest wireless terminal is selected from the group consisting of a rewind request, a pause playback request, a fast forward request, a textual comment, and a request for a user-specified internal effect algorithm to modify audio or video of the identified media file.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

sending a stop playback request to the guest wireless terminal in response to the host wireless terminal user terminating the playback session.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to any of the claims 14, 15, 16 or 18, wherein the requests are processed through a server.

20.-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium, comprising instructions that, when executed, cause a device to perform:

sending a media playback invite request to at least one guest wireless terminal from a host wireless terminal, wherein the media playback invite request includes

information sufficient to identify the at least one guest wireless terminal,
an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;

receiving a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal in response to sending the media playback invite request;

sending a start playback request to the guest wireless terminal in response to receiving the media playback accept response, wherein the start playback request begins a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the host wireless terminal;

receiving an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action request~~ requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option ~~includes the playback option~~; and

modifying the playback session of the identified media file in response to the action request.

24. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising instructions that, when executed, cause the device to perform:

sending an action request to the guest wireless terminal, in response to the host wireless terminal user initiating the request.

25. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the action request is received responsive to the guest wireless terminal user initiating the action request.

26.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the identified media file is locally stored on the guest wireless terminal for playback.

31. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the identified media file is locally stored on the guest wireless terminal for playback.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the identified media file is locally stored on the guest wireless terminal for playback.

33. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the identified media file is locally stored on the guest wireless terminal for playback.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

memory storing executable instructions that, when executed, cause the apparatus to receive a media playback invitation at the apparatus from a server via a wireless channel, wherein the media playback invitation includes

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the apparatus to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file,

responsive to receiving the media playback invitation, transmit a media playback accept response to the server, wherein if the apparatus does not have the identified media file, the apparatus downloads the identified media file before transmitting the media playback accept response,

receive at the apparatus a start playback request, wherein the start playback request begins a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at a host wireless terminal, and

subsequent to receiving the start playback request, transmit an action request to the server, wherein the action request requests a playback action enabled by the playback option.
~~includes the playback option.~~

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the processor includes executable instructions to perform:

modifying the identified media file in accordance with a modification file during the playback session.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein if the guest wireless terminal does not have the identified media file, the guest wireless terminal downloads the identified media file before sending the media playback accept response.

41. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions that, when executed, cause the computer to perform:

verifying permissions associated with the guest wireless terminal, and

wherein the sending of the ~~playback option~~action request received from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal is responsive to verifying the permissions associated with the guest wireless terminal.

42. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory storing executable instructions that, when executed, cause the apparatus to send a media playback invite request to at least one guest wireless terminal from the apparatus, wherein the media playback invite request includes

information sufficient to identify the at least one guest wireless terminal,

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file,

receive a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal in response to sending the media playback invite request,

in response to receiving the media playback accept response, send a start playback request to the guest wireless terminal, wherein the start playback request begins a playback

session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the apparatus,

receive an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option includes the playback option,~~ and
modify the playback session of the identified media file in response to the action request.

43. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the media playback invite request includes information sufficient to identify multiple guest wireless terminals.

44. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the requested playback action ~~request received from the guest wireless terminal~~ is selected from the group consisting of a rewind request, a pause playback request, a fast forward request, a textual comment, and a request for a user-specified internal effect algorithm to modify audio or video of the identified media file.

45. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
a memory storing executable instructions that, when executed, cause the apparatus to
receive a first media playback invite request initiated by a host wireless terminal,
the first media playback invite request including
information sufficient to identify at least one guest wireless terminal,
an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and
a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different
types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file,
transmit a second media playback invite request to the guest wireless terminal
subsequent to receipt of the first media playback invite request, wherein the second media
playback invite request includes the playback option,
relay a media playback accept response from the guest wireless terminal to the
host wireless terminal,

distribute a start playback request from the host wireless terminal to the guest wireless terminal, wherein the start playback request directs the guest wireless terminal to begin a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at the host wireless terminal,

receive an action request from the guest wireless terminal, ~~wherein the action request~~ requesting a playback action enabled by the playback option ~~includes the playback option~~, and

send the ~~playback option~~ action request received from the guest wireless terminal to the host wireless terminal.

46. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a media playback invitation at a guest wireless terminal from a server via a wireless channel, wherein the media playback invitation includes

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;

responsive to receiving the media playback invitation, transmitting a media playback accept response to the server, wherein if the guest wireless terminal does not have the identified media file, the guest wireless terminal downloads the identified media file before transmitting the media playback accept response;

receiving at the guest wireless terminal a start playback request, wherein the start playback request begins a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at a host wireless terminal; and

subsequent to receiving the start playback request, transmitting an action request to the server, wherein the action request requests a playback action enabled by the playback option, ~~includes the playback option~~.

47. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium, comprising instructions that, when executed, cause a device to perform:

receiving a media playback invitation at a guest wireless terminal from a server via a wireless channel, wherein the media playback invitation includes

an identification of a pre-existing playable media file, and

a playback option enabling the guest wireless terminal to request different types of playback actions in connection with playback of the identified media file;

responsive to receiving the media playback invitation, transmitting a media playback accept response to the server, wherein if the guest wireless terminal does not have the identified media file, the guest wireless terminal downloads the identified media file before transmitting the media playback accept response;

receiving at the guest wireless terminal a start playback request, wherein the start playback request begins a playback session of the identified media file in synchronization with a beginning of the playback session at a host wireless terminal; and

subsequent to receiving the start playback request, transmitting an action request to the server, wherein the action request requests a playback action enabled by the playback option.
~~includes the playback option.~~